

*Stated Meeting, January 4, 1889.*

Present, 26 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Biddle acknowledging his election as a member of the Society.

A letter was read from Bishop Crescencio Carillo, of Merida, Yucatan, acknowledging the receipt of his diploma.

Letters of envoy were received from the Meteorological Office, London; J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Letters of acknowledgment for Transactions XVI, 2, were received from the Société R. de Zoologie, "Natura Artis Magistra," Amsterdam; Philosophical Society, Cambridge, England; Royal Society, Royal Institution, R. Astronomical Society, Society of Antiquaries, London; Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford.

Letters of acknowledgment for Proceedings were received from the Societas pro Fauna and Flora Fennica, Helsingfors (127); Phys. Cent. Observatory (127); Académie R. des Sciences, Lisbonne (125, 126, 127); Royal Statistical Society, London (126, 127); Dr. Brezina (126, 127).

Accessions to the Library were received from the Linnean Society of New South Wales, Sydney; Mr. John Tebbutt, Windsor, N. S. W.; Societas pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Helsingfors; K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt, Wien; Gesellschaft für Erdkunde, Physiologische Gesellschaft, "Naturwissenschaftliche Wochenschrift," Berlin; Gartenbauverein, Darmstadt; Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein des Reg. Bez., Frankfurt, a. O.; Société R. de Zoologie, "Natura Artis Magistra," Amsterdam; Biblioteca N. C., Firenze; R. Accademia de Scienze,

etc., Modena; R. Istituto Lombardo, Milan; R. Comitato Geologico d'Italia, Biblioteca N. C. V. E., Rome; Société Philologique, Alençon; Société de Borda, Dax; Société de L'Enseignement, Rédaction "Cosmos," Paris; R. Astronomical Society, R. Geographical Society, Meteorological Council, Editors of "Nature," London; American Statistical Association, Boston; Harvard College Observatory, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell; R. I. Historical Society, Providence; "American Journal of Science," New Haven; N. Y. State Museum, Albany; Drs. Charles W. Dulles, I. Minis Hays, Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Academy of Sciences, Baltimore; Department of State, Hydrographic Office, Mr. F. L. Scribner, Washington.

The President reported that he had appointed as the committee to examine the paper of George B. Simpson, Messrs. Lesley, Horn and Heilprin.

Prof. Lesley, Chairman of the Committee on Mr. Simpson's paper, reported it worthy of publication, and it was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The President reported that he had appointed as the Standing Committee on the Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund, Mr. Richard Vaux, Chairman, Messrs. Henry Phillips, Jr., William V. McKean, Furman Sheppard, and Joseph Fraley.

The Committee on the Aztec MSS. reported progress, and was continued.

The Committee on the International Language reported progress and was continued, and, on motion, Mr. Horatio Hale was requested to prepare a historical digest of schemes for a universal language to be printed and distributed by the Society in advance of the meeting of the Congress it proposes to convene.

The death of Prof. Josef von Lenhossek (Budapest, December 2, 1888, æt. 71) was announced.

The judges and clerks of the election reported the following gentlemen as having been elected :

*President.*

Frederick Fraley.

*Vice-Presidents.*

E. Otis Kendall, W. S. W. Ruschenberger, J. P. Lesley.

*Secretaries.*

George F. Barker, Daniel G. Brinton, Henry Phillips, Jr.,  
George H. Horn.

*Counsellors (for three years).*

Richard Wood, William V. McKean, Isaac C. Martindale.  
Richard Vaux.

*Counsellor for two years in place of Dr. J. Cheston Morris,  
resigned.*

Samuel Wagner.

*Curators.*

John R. Baker, Patterson DuBois, J. Cheston Morris.

*Treasurer.*

J. Sergeant Price.

Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., was renominated for Librarian for the ensuing year, and, on motion, the nominations were closed.

Prof. Cope presented a paper for the Transactions on "The Mechanical Causes of the Character of the Hard Parts of the Mammalia," which was, on motion, referred to a committee of three (to be appointed by the President) to examine. The President subsequently appointed as such committee, Drs. Joseph Leidy, Harrison Allen, and Horace Jayne.

The Committee on Finance reported the annual appropriations, which were adopted.

Prof. Lesley made a communication in reference to the condition and progress of the U. S. Coast Survey, and offered a preamble and resolution, all of which, after discussion, was referred to the President of the Society and Messrs. Dudley, Frazer and Haupt as a committee, to report upon at the next meeting of the Society.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.